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1. The Gavril Genov Paint Factory in Ruse was constructed approximately 30 years ago by Iskovich Levi, the former proprietor, in collaboration with German technicians. In 1941, the factory was requisitioned by the Germans. In 1947, it was nationalized by the Communists, named Zavod Gavril Genov, and enlarged considerably.
2. At present the factory has the following subdivisions:
 - a. Lithography section;
 - b. Colored plaster section;
 - c. Polish section;
 - d. Oil-paint section;
 - e. Varnish section;
 - f. Chromatin section;
 - g. Cans (containers) section;
 - h. Materials (electrical materials and raw materials) section;
 - i. Furnace section;
 - j. Machinery (boilers of German manufacture) section;
 - k. Cellulose materials section;
 - l. Section where the powdered paints are colored; and
 - m. Warehouse section.

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3. At present 400-500 workers are employed at the paint factory. The following are the directive personnel:

a. Stefan Tanev, director, [REDACTED]

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b. Gacostanev (fmu), chief of the materials section;

c. Angel Georgiev, secretary, [REDACTED]

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d. Union leader, name unknown, [REDACTED]

e. Ivan Naskov, Communist Party director (political commissar) [REDACTED]

4. In order to keep up with the Bulgarian need for cans for the conservation of foods and materials, production has been particularly increased in the lithography section. Containers for canning tomato sauce and paste are also produced by this factory. The annual production of cans amounts to approximately 500,000 pieces of 5-kilogram capacity. The best tomato sauce (i.e., the thickest) is boxed for export, mainly to the USSR, but lately also to Czechoslovakia. The raw materials necessary for the manufacture of the metal containers is imported from the USSR.

5. The production of paints amounts to 450,000 cans per year. The necessary raw materials are partly imported from Czechoslovakia and partly obtained from the mines in the mountains at Ruse. The paints are, for the most part, exported to the USSR; the paints held for domestic use are taken over by the Armed Forces and by the more important services throughout the country.

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